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Filing Date: April 6, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2633  
Examiner: Shi K. Li  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL CHANNEL  
SWITCHING IN AN OPTICAL ADD/DROP MULTIPLEXER

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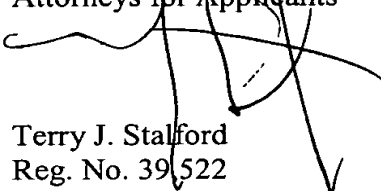
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